Response to Comments on Pre-decisional Draft Rocky Flats Post-Closure Community Involvement Plan

Thank you for taking the time to review the Pre-decisional Draft Rocky Flats Post-Closure Community Involvement Plan. Legacy Management (LM) has considered your comments in preparation of the attached draft plan. The following is a brief summary of how comments were addressed. Updates to contact information were made as requested. Comments regarding involvement in the preparation of the site-specific Long-Term Surveillance and Maintenance Plan as well as stakeholder participation in site inspections have been forwarded to the appropriate LM and contractor staff for consideration.

The myriad of notifications indicated by the City and County of Broomfield that they currently receive go beyond the scope of the Community Involvement Plan, which addresses general communication tools to all stakeholders. Project staff have been made aware of the City's and County's request for continuation of these additional communications and they will be addressed either through discussions with these entities or in other relevant documents.

LM understands that members of the RFCAB and RFCLoG have been receiving paper copies of documents for review and comment directly from the DOE Environmental Management staff or its contractor, Kaiser-Hill. Because of the anticipated dramatic reduction in on-site staff available after closure, LM will not have the resources needed to continue to provide documents to stakeholders in this fashion. LM sees one of the most valuable roles of the local stakeholder organization (LSO) to be established for Rocky Flats to be as a conduit for the distribution of documents and other communication messages from DOE to stakeholders. The LSO is expected to include members of the public as voting members; therefore, concerns expressed about adequate representation of residents and other stakeholders should be moot.

LM has determined that the most effective way for it to communicate to stakeholders for the first 2 years following site closure is to hold three quarterly public meetings and one annual public meeting. DOE anticipates the need for various ad hoc stakeholder groups to meet separately with DOE to be greatly diminished with the completion of the cleanup work. Therefore, DOE is proposing that topics, such as data exchanges, which have been discussed in separate meetings be incorporated into the LSO public meeting agendas.

Attached for your review and comment is the Draft Rocky Flats Post-Closure Community Involvement Plan that incorporates comments on the Pre-decisional Draft Plan to the extent discussed above. We appreciate, in advance, your-time and effort in-reviewing this draft-plan. Please submit written comments to Bob Darr no later than Sept. 16, 2005, via the following:

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